THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. There are no restrictions in placing orders for wagons on units which are not registered members of Wagon India Ltd.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Phasing out of Air-Conditioned chair Cars on Rajdhani Express train**

1297. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to phase out Air-Conditioned Chair Cars on Rajdhani Express and other long distance trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-A.C. first class coaches are also being phased out;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what arrangements have been made for their replacement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to provide more comfortable journey to the long distance passengers it has been decided to gradually replace the A.C. Chair Cars on Rajdhani Expresses by A.C. 3 Tier Coaches. Similarly, to increase the carrying capacity of trains and also to provide comfortable service, existing I Class Coaches and being replaced in a phased manner by other suitable type of Coaches depending upon their availability.

**Constructions of railway projects in Orissa**

1298. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Railway projects under construction in Orissa and their estimated cost;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for those projects and progress made so far;

(c) the target date fixed for the completion of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The details of new railway line and doubling projects presently under execution in Orissa are as under:—

| S. No. | Name of the project | Length (Kms.) | Cost (Rs. Crs.) | Funds allocated in 94-95 | Target date of completion | Percentage progress upto 6/94 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW LINES | | | | | | |
| 1 | Koraput-Rayagada | 164 | 419.20 | 17.00 | 94-95 | 97 |
| 2 | Talcher-Sambalpur | 172 | 220.00 | 35.11 | 95-96 | 50 |
| 3 | Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh | 54 | 100.00 | 2.00 | 98-99 | 01 |
| 4 | Daitari-Banspani | 147 | 242.55 | 23.00 | 9899 | 05 |
| 5 | Khurda Road-Bolagir | 289 | 353.38 | 1.00 | 99-2000 | 01 |
| DOUBLINGS | | | | | | |
| 6 | Ambodala-Bissam Cuttack & Therubali-Gumada | 100 | 84.20 | 4.17 | 94-95 | 85 |
| 7 | Joranda Road-Hindol Road | 28 | 25.09 | 2.63 | 94-95 | 75 |
| 8 | Talcher-Hindol Road | 32 | 27.61 | 6.71 | 95-96 | 40 |
| 9 | Rajatgarh-Nergundi | 26 | 27.64 | 2.00 | 97-98 | 02 |